

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
EASTERN DIVISION

SHEDRICK D. HOLLIS,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
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v.	)	CASE NO. 3:16-CV-351-WKW
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**ORDER**

Before the court is Petitioner Shedrick D. Hollis’s motion for leave to appeal *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”). (Doc. # 45.) The motion is due to be denied.

“An appeal may not be taken *in forma pauperis* if the trial court certifies in writing that it is not taken in good faith.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3). In determining whether an appeal is taken in good faith, the court uses an objective standard to determine whether the appeal is frivolous. *Coppedge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438, 445 (1962) (“[A] [petitioner’s] good faith in this type of case [is] demonstrated when he seeks appellate review of any issue not frivolous.”). An appeal is “frivolous” when “it has no substantive merit.” *United States v. Bottoson*, 644 F.2d 1174, 1176 (5th Cir. Unit B May 1981).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> In *Bonner v. City of Prichard*, 661 F.2d 1206 (11th Cir. 1981) (*en banc*), the Eleventh Circuit adopted as binding precedent all the decisions that the former Fifth Circuit handed down prior to the close of business on September 30, 1981.

For the reasons stated in the Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge (Doc. # 35) and in the February 20, 2019 Order adopting the Recommendation (Doc. # 37), Petitioner's appeal is without a legal or factual basis, has no substantive merit, and is frivolous for purposes of the IFP motion.

Therefore, it is ORDERED that Petitioner's motion for leave to appeal *in forma pauperis* (Doc. # 45) is DENIED.

DONE this 28th day of May, 2019.

/s/ W. Keith Watkins  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE